

FORCES SILENCE ON COPS AND FIREMEN

PORTER IS INDICTED IN POLICE INQUIRY

Hylan Sits Down on Curran's Motion to Give Them the Right of Petition.

ACTION ON ALBANY BILLS

Lively Tilt in Board of Estimate on Street Holes, Snow and Palm Beach Trips.

Henry M. Curran, President of Manhattan Borough, sat down yesterday at the close of a session of the Board of Estimate meeting a resolution to approve a bill pending in the Legislature giving the right of petition to policemen and firemen, and the Mayor warmly requested the Borough President to "mind his own business and let the police alone."

Mr. Curran said the right of petition was being used by policemen and firemen through orders of department heads forbidding them to appear before committees on legislative matters.

"A striking instance," continued Mr. Curran, "is the inability of the patrolmen to appear in Albany the proposed bill which seeks to give the police inspectors who may have been guilty of malfeasance in office a maximum penalty upon conviction is three years in the penitentiary or a fine of \$250 or both. Convictions under this section are exceedingly rare. Col. Porter is specifically accused of refusing and neglecting to arrest Jane Doe for negligently immoral conduct and having commanded Patrolman Wheelwright and Berger to violate their duty by not apprehending her."

"Jane Doe" is the woman alleged to have been with Col. Porter in the Ninety-sixth street apartment at the time of the raid. Her real name is not known to Mr. Smith and he has not been able to find her.

According to Wheelwright and Berger they have been busy in the Fourth Inspection District and made 185 arrests last month. In November, they say, Inspector McDonald heard of an apartment at a certain address where men were meeting women. The women were called for on the telephone from the door, and the presence was required.

McDonald sent Patrolman Cushing to investigate. He, being pretty green at this sort of work, got Wheelwright and Berger to help him. They tapped the telephone wires, listened to the making of several appointments, and at 11 o'clock on the night of November 12, checked the house and arrested the men who entered.

"If you will clean the snow off the streets instead of going to Palm Beach I'll try to find the holes in the streets of Manhattan and fill them," Mr. Curran answered.

Mr. Curran has what at the Mayor drove applause from the audience.

The audience was dead silent.

The board gave its approval to the following bills pending in the Legislature:

To give the Board of Aldermen power to consolidate city departments doing similar work and to abolish unnecessary departments and offices.

To abolish the Bureau of Markets and the Department of Weights and Measures and transfer the functions of those departments to the bureau of collection of city revenue in the Comptroller's office.

To give the Board of Estimate power to fix all city salaries except those of elected officers.

To fix minimum rates of all taxes and assessments, water rates in one bureau in the Comptroller's office.

The bill to expand the Parade Board was disengaged, and the bill to abolish the Board of Inspectors was referred to the committee of the whole.

FOUR SHOT IN RACE WAR IN BALTIMORE

Police Battle With Negro Barricaded in House.

BALTIMORE, March 19.—The belief among negroes here that white police have been shooting negroes, killing them and riving their bodies for dissection, caused a race riot here to-day. Two negro policemen and negroes here early to-day that resulted in one negro being mortally hurt and two policemen and another negro being shot.

The trouble started in Druid Hill avenue in the negro district, when a white deputie and another white policeman were shot. The negroes thought they were leaving for prey and attacked them and beat them. Policemen arrested one of the negroes, but a mob of black men crowded his release. Two more policemen came up, and the four officers tried to arrest W. A. Scott, who had been in the forefront of the trouble.

Scott got into a house, firing at the policeman who gave chase. A riot call brought the troops and several policemen entered the house and chopped loopholes in the room in which Adelle Goodell and Brooklyn Jack were conversing. In this room they say they found a negro woman, who was later seen in the street. Brooklyn Jack, peacefully talking to the woman who the raiders afterward accused of maintaining the apartment as a disgraceful place. She is Adelle Goodell. In court later she gave her age as seventy years and her occupation as "housewife."

POLICE VERSION OF RAID.

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They accuse the supposed Porter of ordering them to kill the negro. The negroes say: "Forget all about it and I'll protect you as long as I am in the department." They say that Porter sent them later and reminded them that they must not say a word to any one. Nevertheless, they told Assistant Di-

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Suspended Police Official



Col. Augustus Drum Porter, Third Deputy Commissioner, indicted by Grand Jury for neglect of duty charged.

The indictment was found under section 184 of the penal law. This reads:

"A public officer or person holding a public office or employment, upon whom any duty is imposed by law, who wilfully neglects to perform that duty, is guilty of a crime."

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